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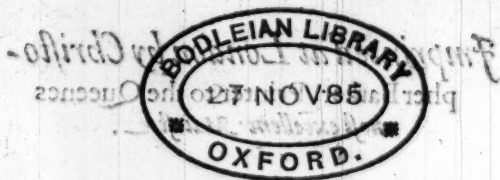
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As much as there is not any gouerned Estate, which in peace or warre can be accounted sure, or preserved from dishonour and ruine, vnlesse it be supported and borne by Justice duely administered, and discipline orderly obserued : And for that no man can be so ignorant as not to knowe, that honor, fame and prosperitie, doe duely followe that common Wealth or Nation, wherein good lawes are established, the Magistrate ministring Justice is duely regarded, and the people fearing to offende, are bounden vnder the rules of Justice and obedience : And seeing that martiall discipline aboue all thinges (proper to men of warre) is by vs at this time most to be followed, aswell for the auancement of Gods glorie, as honourable to gouerne this Armie in good order : And least that the euill inclined (pleading simplicitie) shoulde couer any wicked facte by ignorance : Therefore these martiall Ordinances and Lawes following are established and published, where by all good mindes endeavouring to attaine honour, may stand armed, and receiue encouragement to perseuere in well doing, and such as are inclined to lewdnesse, be warned from committing offences punishable. Which being

A. II. embraced

embraced with carefull respect, and followed with obedience, doe promise good order and agreement amongst our selves, with victorie and good euent against our enemies.

1 First, every chiefe Magistrate, Captaine, inferiour Officer, Souldiour, Pioneer, or what person els receiuing her Majesties paye in Fielde or Garrison, shall solemnely sweare, and by corporall othe be bounde to perforce the vnder written Articles, so farre as to eache in their severall qualitties shall appertaine: the violacing or breaking whereof, is to be punished by the Generalles direction, according to the qualittie of the offence.

2 For so much as the holy Name of our most mightie and invincible G D, with all reverence ought to be regarded, and that destruction is pronounced to such as blaspheme or abuse the same: it is therefore ordeined and commanded, that no person whatsoever, either in common conference or communication, or for any cause whatsoever, shall blaspheme being thus admonished, or take his Name in vaine, upon paine of losse of v.s. to the reliefe of the poore for the first offence: for the seconde, five dayes imprisonment: for the third, losse of his place and wages.

3 And because the continuall and unspeakable favours of our Almighty God, by our unthankfulnesse may be taken from vs, and that no good euent of any action can be expected, wherein God is not first and principally honored and served: It is therefore especially ordeined and commanded, that all persons whatsoever, shall upon generall warning given either by sound of Trumpet or Drum, repaire to the place appointed, where the Divine service is to be held, there to heare the same read and preached, unlesse for the present by sicknesse or other service he be impeached, upon paine to lose his dayes wages for the first, two dayes wages for the second, and so to be increased by the discretion of the Judge, and for every such default in the
Souldier,

Souldier, as well the Captaine as his inferiour officers, to be punished with like penaltie.

4 And seeing it well becometh all Christians, especially such as profess the militarie service, to passe away the time in matters requisite for their profession: And because no time can be more vainely spent, then that which is consumed in unlawfull games, besides the breeding of much contention and quarrells: And for that there be many allowable and commendable exercises for all sortes of men to use: Therefore it is streighly commanded, that no private Souldier or inferiour Officer shall frequent the playing at Dice and Cardes, nor any other unlawfull games, upon paine of two dayes imprisonment for the first time, and for after committing the like, to be further punished by the Judges discretion.

5 And for that it often happeneth, that by permitting of many vagrant and idle women in an armie, sundry disorders and horrible abuses are committed: Therefore it is ordained that no man shall carrie into the field, or detain with him in the place of his garrison, any woman whatsoever, other then such as be knownen to be his lawfull wife, or such other women to tend the sick and to serve for launders, as shall be thought meete by the Marshall, upon paine of whipping and banishment.

6 And inasmuch as clemencie amongst men of warre in some respects is a singular vertue: It is ordained that no man in any part of this service shall doe that lay violent handes upon any woman with child, or being with child, or old persons, widowes, young virgins, or babes, without especiall order from the Magistrate, upon paine of death.

7 That person soever shall be commonly given to drunkenness, or riotously behave himselfe, shall be banished the Armie.

8 Whosoever shall conceale, or in any sort help secretly,

crete Treason, any dangerous Conspiracie, or other practise which may be hurtfull, and may concerne the perill of her Maiesties person, or of her General, or the estate of this Armie, and shall not with all diligence reueale the same either vnto the Generall; or some other Officer of especiall trust, shall incurre the paines of death with torment.

9 No man shall haue speeche or conference, send message, deliuer or receiue letters to or from the enemy, or any his confederates, either secretly or openly, without manifesting the same presently vnto the Generall or his Officer, or hauing former authoritie so to doe, vpon paine of death.

10 No man being in this seruice shall depart his Campe or place of Garrison for any cause whatsoeuer, without the Generals especiall Passport, or other head Officer authorized, vpon paine of death.

11 No man shall breake out or leaue the order of his ranke, being once ordered in the fild by the Marshall or Sergeant Major, without some great occasion first made knowne vnto the saide Officer, vpon paine of losse either of life or limme, at the discretion of the Generall or of the Marshall.

12 No man appointed to watch or warde, shall thinke or depart the place, neither shall sleepe, or neglect his duty therein, especially after the watch is set and the woorde giuen, vnlesse he be orderly relieved, or for some great occasion enforced, with licence of his Captaine or Officer, vpon paine of death.

13 No man shall betray the watchwoorde to the enemy or to any other, or giue any other woorde then is deliuered by the Officer, vpon paine of death with torment.

14 No man shall raise any mutinie, or procure vnlawfull assemblies vpon private, secreete, or hidden purposes whereby to disturbe the peace and quiet of the Armie, vpon paine of death.

15 No man shall lift by his weapon against the Magistrate, his Captaine or Officer, vpon paine of death.

16 No man shall quarell, bratule, or make any affray within the Campe or Towne of garrison, vpon olde malice, or newe occasion whatsoeuer, but shall complaine to the Officer, who is to decide the cause & punish the partie offending, vpon paine of losse of life or limme, at the discretion of the Generall or Marshall.

17 And whereas sundrie nations are to serue with vs in these waies, so as through diuersitie of languages occasion of many controuersies may arise or happen to growe: It is therefore ordeined, that if any person of English nation shall finde him selfe agriued with any wrong perpetrated him by any sojournier, that then without profering further reuenge hee shall signifie the same vnto his Captaine or other officer, whereby order may be taken so, as no further quarrell growe thereof, but that quietnesse in all respectes may be preserved, vpon paine of such punishment as the head officers shall thinke meete, either by losse of life or limme.

18 No man appointed to the defence of any Breach, Trench, or Streight, either Captaine or Souldiour, shall willingly leaue it, or vpon any false or imagined cause or excuse shall absent himselfe from the place, without sufficient warrant, vpon paine of death.

19 No Captaine, officer, or other person, shall receiue or entertaine any other mans Souldiour or seruant, without consent of his former Captaine or Master, neither shall ouersee an other mans Souldiour from him, vpon paine of losse of a Monethes wages, and to restore the partie to his former Captaine or Master.

20 No man shall enrolle his name vnder two Captaines, nor muste in seuerall companies at one time, or otherwise passe in another mans name, or lende Armour, weapon, or other furniture vpon the muster day, whereby

to abuse her Maiestie, and weaken the present seruice, vpon paine of a moneths imprisonment, and banishment.

21 No man shall embezill or diminish any of his Armour, weapon and furniture, which is appointed him by his Captaine, vntill he can prouoe that he lost the same in seruice. And that no man shall take in pawne any Souldiours weapon or furniture, vpon paine to the Souldiour of losse of his place, and to the other that shall take it in pawne, the losse of the double value.

22 No man shall play away, engage, or lende away his furniture, but shall alwayes keepe his Armour and weapon cleane and seruiceable, vpon paine of being discharged.

23 No man shall deceitfully take away his companions prouision, victuals, or furniture, vpon paine of imprisonment.

24 No person traueysing, lodging, or abiding in any the Townes or Countreys of her Maiesties friendes or Allies, shall in any wise exact or take by force from the people either victuall or other their goods whatsoever, without present payment, or other sufficient order to the iust satisfaction of the partie, vpon paine of death.

25 No man shall foystall any victuals brought for the Campe or place of garrison, but suffer the same peaceably to come into the Market place, there to bee rated and priced by the Marshall or his officer, before he buy the same, vpon paine of death.

26 No man shall robbe or spoyle any Shop or Tent, or any victualler or Marchant comming for reliefe of the Campe or garison, but in all good sort shall entertaine and defend them, vpon paine of death.

27 No Souldiour commaunded at any time to take victuals for certayne dayes, shall exceede the same dayes, or spend the same otherwise then according to the proportion and time allowed him, vpon paine of imprisonment, or other such

Such punishment as the lawfull officers shall appoint.

28. No man shall distresse or spoyle any person standing on her Maesties partie, or being vnder the Generalls protection, vpon paine of death,

29. No man shall disobey or transgresse any Proclamation made by Drumme or Trumpet, set forth by the Generall, vpon such paine as he shall set forth,

30. No man shall resist the Prouost or his other officer in apprehending of any malefactor, but if neede require, shall ayde and assist him therein, or otherwise if by such occasion any escape be made, it is ordeined that euery person by whose default the escape was committed, shall suffer like punishment that the parties so escaped shoulde haue endured.

31. No man shall molest or trouble any person beeing vnder his owne regiment, or the leading of any other, once placed by the Marshall forrier, or Harbinger in the Campe or Towne, but quietly to permit and suffer euery one to enjoy his seuerall roome or lodging, vntlesse it be by mutuall consent and agreement, neither shall any man lodge out of his Captaines quarter without licence, vpon paine of imprisonment.

32. No man contrarie to order shall set on fire or burne any house, milne, or coyne, nor at dislodging or remoouing shall set the Campe on fire, without speciall commaundement from the Generall or other head Officer present, vpon paine of death.

33. No man without great occasion shall make any Alarme, but if any chaunce so arise, then shall euery man presently repaire in all haste vnto his appointed place, vntlesse some true excusable cause doe hinder him, vpon paine of death.

34. No man shall harbour or receiue into his lodging any person being a stranger, or of our owne nation not being enrolled in her Maesties paye, but shall presently acquaint

quaint the Generall of Parthall with his name, countrey,
the time of his coming, and busines, vpon paine of imprison-
ment, and losse of his place and wages.

35 No man shall talke or haue conuersation with any
Trumpeter or Drummer of the enemies, or other sent in
messag, but such as bee appointed by the Generall, vpon
paine of death.

36 No man shall ascende vpon the carriages, but such
as are appointed to that charge, neither linger, or loyter
behinde with them to ride or ease themselves, vntill it be
such as by sicknesse, hurt, or other infirmities knowen
to the officers, to be permitted so, vpon paine of imprison-
ment, and losse of wages.

37 No man shall attempt to goe a foraging, with-
out the officer appointed for that purpose deliuer them a
sufficient guard for their defence, vpon paine of death.

38 No Captaine shall sende forth any men to doe
any enterpryse, without knowledge of the Generall, or
chiefe officer appointed thereunto, vpon paine of losse of
his place.

39 All private Captaines, being no head Officers,
shall watch and warde with their Ensignes, vntill it be by
speciall leaue, vpon paine of the losse of a months paye,
and for the second time, losse of his place.

40 Every Souldier shall present such prisoners as
are taken, to their Captaine immediately at their returne to
the Campe, and none shall either kill them, or license them
to depart, without commandement or leaue from the Ge-
nerall, or other head Officer thereunto appointed, vpon
paine of being disgraced, and banished the Campe.

41 Every Souldier at all times in seruice shalbe ob-
dient and faithfull, as well to their Captaines as other in-
feriour Officers, and not to refuse direction of any vnder
whom they are appointed to serue, vpon paine of imprison-
ment, and losse of a months wages.

42 Every

43 Every man shall support and defende his owne Ensigne both night and day, and shall resort vnto the same vpon the first warning, and not depart vntill it be brought into safetie, vpon paine of death.

43 Every souldier shal diligently obserue and learne the sound of Drums, Fifes, and Trumpets, to the end he may knowe howe to answer the same in his seruice.

44 No man shall slaughter or kill any beast of what nature soeuer within the Campe or Garrison, but in such places as are appoynted for that purpose, nor shall suffer the garbage to remaine vnburi'd, neither shall any man trouble or defile the waters adioyning, but in the lower part of the streame some good distance from the Campe, vpon payne of imprisonment.

45 No man shall ease himselfe or defile the Campe or Towne of Garrison, saue in such places as is appointed for that purpose, vpon paine of imprisonment, and such further punishment, as shall be thought meete by the chiefe Officers.

46 No Captaine shall sell or raunsome his prisoner without license of the Generall, and shall not suffer them to depart without making the high Marshall priue to the same, vpon paine of losse of his prisoner, and imprisonment.

47 If any man doe take a prisoner or bootie, he shall immediately after hee is returned vnto the Campe or Towne of Garrison, make his Captaine or Governour acquainted therewith, and the Captaine shall declare the same vnto the Marshall, who euery eight dayes shall make certificate thereof vnto the Generall, vpon paine of imprisonment, and further punishment as the Generall shall see fit.

48 In Marching by the fieldes, no man at the putting up of any Hare, or any other beaſt ſhal make any ſhout or crye, whereby to diſquiet or ſlay the reſt of the bands, but

to vse all quietnesse and silence in their march, vpon paine of imprisonment.

49 No man shall giue vp or deliuer vnto the enemies any place left to his charge or keeping, vpon paine of death.

50 If any man fle to the enemies, or be taken vpon his departure towards them, he shall suffer death.

51 Any Captaine finding any Souldier of what hand or company so euer, which hath transgressed any of these Lawes and Ordinances, may take him and bring him vnto the Marshall to be punished.

52 That whosoever shall be enrolled into paye after the othe be ministred to others and be not present, and if afterwards he shall transgresse any of these Ordinances, he shall be as well punishable by vertue of these Articles, as if he had bene present at the first.

53 That no Captaine shall receiue or enroll any person into his paye vnder him, but that he cause the sayde Souldier to receiue the othe, as is set downe in the first Article, vpon paine to the Captaine for not obseruing the same, of losse of a moneths paye.

54 That no person whatsoeuer shal passe by any other way either in Towne or Campe, but at the ordinarie gates and passages, vpon paine of death.

55 All other offences and Actes that may tende to disorder, not compysed within these Articles, shalbe subiect to such maner of punishment, as the Lieutenant Generall shall inflict vpon them, as if it had bene specially expresse and set downe.



